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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9530

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SUBJ: SWINE FLU VACCINE

1. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, GOC HAS MADE NATIONAL POLICY COMMITMENT TO VACCINATE CANADIAN POPULATION AGAINST SWINE FLU ALONG LINES OF U.S. PROGRAM AND THERE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CANADIAN AND U.S. HEALTH AUTHORITIES ABOUT PROBLEM OF ACQUIRING NECESSARY VACCINE. IT OBVIOUS THAT CANADA WILL NOT HAVE FACILITIES TO PRODUCE VACCINE SUFFICIENT FOR ITS OWN NEEDS.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT QUESTION OF WHETHER U.S. CAN PROVIDE VACCINE TO CANADA HAS BEEN DEFERRED PENDING FURTHER STUDY OF U.S. REQUIREMENTS. DELAY ON OUR PART IN MAKING CLEAR TO GOC WHAT POSSIBILITIES ARE FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE OBVIOUSLY CREATES DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR GOC.

3. EMBASSY URGES THAT WE TELL GOC CLEARLY WHERE WE STAND AT MOMENT AND IF AT ALL POSSIBLE GIVE THEM ASSURANCES IN PRINCIPLE THAT WE WILL AT MINIMUM TAKE CARE OF CANADIAN HIGH-RISK REQUIREMENTS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO GIVE GOC ASSURANCES INDICATES IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE.
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